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# ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON VOLUNTARY FOREIGN AID

## PUBLIC MEETING

You are cordially invited to attend the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid's (ACVFA) public meeting. The meeting is free and open to the public.

**Wednesday, May 23, 2007, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

**National Press Club Ballroom**

529 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor, Washington, DC 20045

The closest Metro stop is Metro Center. Parking is available at garages in the area.

## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS *(topics are subject to change)*

**Keynote:** Acting Deputy Administrator James Kunder has been invited to address the ACVFA on USAID's mission in support of Transformational Diplomacy.

**Africom:** Rear Admiral Robert T. Moeller, Executive Director for the AfriCom Transition Team, has been invited to speak on the new U.S. Command for Africa (Africom). The presentation will include a discussion of the Command's mandate and its ongoing relationship with USAID and partners in the field. Michael Hess, USAID's Assistant Administrator for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, and Wade Warren, Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Africa have been invited to join the Admiral for subsequent questions.

**ACVFA Working Groups:** As a follow-up to the ACVFA's February 21 public meeting, the ACVFA has created three working groups: economic growth, governing justly and democratically and implementation mechanisms. The working groups will present papers with recommendations and lessons learned at the public meeting. Following this, respondents from the foreign assistance community will provide feedback. Invited speakers include Carl Gershman, President of the National Endowment for Democracy, Elizabeth Boggs Davidsen with the Inter-American Development Bank, and Dr. Jack Sullivan with Social Impact. In addition, the general public will be given the opportunity to provide comments and pose questions. The working groups' final recommendations will be made available on the ACVFA web site after the public meeting: [http://www.usaid.gov/about\\_usaid/acvfa](http://www.usaid.gov/about_usaid/acvfa)

**Appreciation:** Benjamin Homan will be recognized for his service as Chairman of the ACVFA.

**ONLINE REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION:** Pre-register, find more details about the agenda, and join the ACVFA list serve at [www.usaid.gov/about\\_usaid/acvfa](http://www.usaid.gov/about_usaid/acvfa). Participants will be able to register on site; however, pre-registration is strongly encouraged. For more information, please contact Ellen Blankenstein at [ellen@websterconsulting.com](mailto:ellen@websterconsulting.com) or 202-237-0090 ext. 19, or Jocelyn Rowe at [jrowe@usaid.gov](mailto:jrowe@usaid.gov).

The ACVFA is an expert body that advises USAID and other U.S. government agencies on international development and humanitarian assistance issues. ACVFA members are private citizens appointed by the USAID Administrator and serve without compensation. The committee's public meetings, held three times per year, serve as forums for consultation between the public and private sectors on a broad range of foreign assistance matters.